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For: **LIGHT BEAM SCANNING APPARATUS AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.56**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

-The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a prima facie prior art reference against the claims of the present application.

**CONCISE EXPLANATION OF
RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT**

Document A6 discloses an image forming apparatus having a laser beam unit. A size of the beam is automatically adjusted by controlling the beam power.

Document A7 relates to a beam light scanning device and image forming apparatus.

Document A8 relates to a beam light scanning apparatus and image forming apparatus.

Document A9 relates to a beam light scanner and image forming device.

Document A10 relates to a method and device for stabilizing output of light for information recording.

Document A11 relates to a light quantity controller.

Document A12 relates to a image recording apparatus.

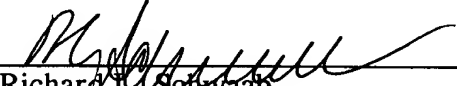
English translations of the Japanese documents are not readily available; however, English language abstracts are provided herewith. The absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted documents (37 CFR §1.97(b) and MPEP §609).

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialled copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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